

OUR JUBILEE IN JUNE.

MARYLAND COMRADES PREPARED TO WELCOME THE BOYS HANDSOMELY.

The Grand Parade and Camp-Fire—Preparations for the Reception of the Visitors—President Arthur and the Cabinet to be Present. The Programme of Festivities. Other G. A. R. Matters.

Special Correspondence National Tribune.

BALTIMORE, May 25.—Judging from the character and extent of the preparations being made by the Executive Committee for the reception and entertainment of delegates and visitors to the National Encampment, the coming Reunion will prove the most notable in the history of the Grand Army organization, and the affair will, in every way, be worthy of the flattering and unprecedented interest which has been manifested among the citizens of Baltimore. The fact that this is the first time a Southern city has ever been honored by the Grand Army in being selected as the place for a National Encampment, as well as the acceptance from Southern soldier organizations to participate in the demonstration, lends an extraordinary interest to the occasion. Correspondence is pouring in at headquarters from Departments all over the country, and everything points to a grand display and a thoroughly enjoyable Reunion. The programme, as far as outlined, contemplates numerous features of more than ordinary interest, and, in fact, the only difficulty in the way appears to be how to crowd into three days all the "good things" that have been prepared through the zealous efforts of Comrade Ross, Chairman of the Executive Committee, and the indefatigable efforts of Secretary Thompson and his able corps of assistants. Every mail brings information of additional Posts which will send large delegations, and the assemblage promises to be the largest, numerically, as well as the most important ever held under Grand Army auspices. Following the liberal act of the municipality the citizens' subscription to the Hospitality Fund are flowing in rapidly, and the funds will be found ample to defray all the cost of entertaining the guests. There have been some slight changes in the

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and it is probable that others may be made, the object, of course, being to afford ample time for the transaction of business before the Convention, and yet to enable the delegates, as well as other visitors, to participate in the excursions and other festivities that have been so admirably planned. The grand parade will form on Wednesday, June 21, at 9:30 a. m., in the eastern section of the city, on Broadway, and, marching by a comparatively short route past the Academy of Music, where it will be reviewed, to the Washington Monument, on Mount Vernon Place, where the various commands will be dismissed. At 2:30 p. m., on the same day, a monster Camp-fire will be held under the auspices of the Citizens' Hospitality Committee, at the Schenck Park, a beautiful suburban resort, reached by the street railways, which will continue until 11 p. m. The festivities at the Park will include dancing, fireworks, and a collation. On the same afternoon an excursion will be made down the Chesapeake Bay for the special entertainment of members of the Convention, returning to the city by moonlight.

The second day's programme comprises an excursion to Chestertown, a bay-side resort, under the auspices of the City's Hospitality Committee, for delegates and visitors. Six steamers have been chartered for this purpose, and arrangements made for a handsome collation. On the return the steamers will anchor in the inner harbor and the visitors will be delighted with a grand pyrotechnic display from Federal Hill Park, which, during the war, was garrisoned by United States troops, but which has since been converted into a beautiful public park, commanding an expansive view of the city, bay, and surrounding country. On the same evening there will be a grand ball at the Schenck Park, the dancing beginning at 10 o'clock, p. m.

The third day's programme has not yet been fully determined upon, but, as already announced, it will probably include an excursion to Washington and Mount Vernon. The Academy of Music, where the Convention meets, has been secured for three days. Arrangements have also been made to run the various lines of street cars all night, so that cheap and comfortable transit will be afforded at all times for delegates and visitors. The Union Veterans Corps, of Washington, D. C., and Duryea's Zouaves have been specially detailed as guards at Headquarters.

THE PRESIDENT AND CABINET COMING.

On Wednesday a delegation comprising ex-Senator (now mayor) Wm. Pinkney Whyte and ex-Mayor Latrobe, representing the Citizens' Hospitality Committee, and Generals Ross and Agnus, representing the Grand Army organization, visited Washington for the purpose of extending an invitation to President Arthur and members of the Cabinet to visit Baltimore during the Encampment and witness the grand parade. The committee were received at the White House; and, after a pleasant interchange of greetings, formal invitations were extended General Arthur by Mayor Whyte on the part of the city, and General Ross on behalf of the Grand Army. Ex-Senator Whyte further requested the President to be his guest while in the Monumental City. President Arthur expressed his acknowledgments for the courtesy extended, and said it would afford him great pleasure to accept the invitation if it was possible for him to do so. The impression is that he will be present on the occasion of the grand parade. After taking their leave of his Excellency the committee waited upon Secretaries Lincoln and Chandler, and extended them an invitation to visit Baltimore, which was cordially accepted. General Sherman was absent when the committee called, but it is expected that he will review the parade. The invitations to be extended to the remaining members of the Cabinet will it is thought also be accepted, as well as many distinguished members of the Senate and House.

THE GENERAL HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the General Hospitality Committee was held on Monday. The chairman stated that Gen. Jas. R. Herbert, commanding the Maryland militia, informed him he would gladly serve upon the committee for the reception of visiting military organizations.

Chairman Latrobe said he heard only the most favorable comment upon their purpose from all sides, and indications promise the most favorable results.

Mr. Newbold moved that the treasurer of the committee request the chairman of the various sub-committees to present a report at the next meeting of the amount of subscriptions they have received from time to time.

Mr. Horner said a great many details remained which would require constant attention, and there was a great deal of business which could not be transacted by the General Committee without great inconvenience. He moved the appointment of an executive committee of six, consisting of the chairman of the General Hospitality, the Finance, and Expenditures Committees.

A WARM WELCOME.

Captain F. X. Ward seconded the motion, and said it was very important that the visiting organizations should be well received and promptly provided for, as their first impressions would be lasting, and their welcome to be effective should be of the most agreeable character. The Grand Army organization was preparing for the reception of its comrades, and he had heard it stated that the Fifth Regiment would act as escort and receive one of the visiting commands. There will be one or two militia commands from New York and several from the South, and he suggested that the Executive Committee detail two or more members from the Hospitality Committee to receive them and report their arrival, headquarters and entertainment to the Executive Committee.

General Agnus said that although he was not prepared to make a speech, he would try and tell the gentlemen present some of the reasons why he felt enthusiastic over the coming encampment, and why he felt convinced that it would be a grand success in every respect. We of the Grand Army cannot feel otherwise than enthusiastic in this matter when we read the letters that are daily received from all parts of the country, full of good wishes for our success in these efforts to make the Encampment a great national event. Take such a letter as that from the Old Dominion Guard of Norfolk. In that letter it was written, "We will come; we were under Pickett at Gettysburg, and we want to meet some of the Hancock Corps boys who faced us." Such a sentiment as this sends a thrill of pleasure through every patriotic heart, and assures us that one of the pleasant features of the Encampment will be the visits from our friends in the South. [Applause.] Besides the Old Dominion Guard of Norfolk, we have sent invitations to the Front Royal Infantry, Richmond Blues, Norfolk Infantry, Alexandria City Guards, the National Rifles, the Woodstock Light Infantry, and several other organizations, North and South.

Gentlemen, we of the Grand Army return to you our most hearty thanks for your efforts in this matter, and for your outspoken interest in the success of the event.

THIS IS NO BUSINESS DEVICE with us, nor are we working for self-advantage. We intend that this demonstration shall be a Reunion of hearts and hands, and a grand festival of great enjoyment and warm fellowship. But while this will be the main feature of the great gathering, at the same time the Encampment will bring with it great opportunities for material advantages for the city. We will have here among our guests in June the great manufacturers of the North, and who can tell how much this may redound to the advantage of Baltimore? They will see the great inducements Baltimore offers as a manufacturing centre, and, seeing this, they may be induced, as good business men, to take advantage of it. Visits from such men as these, in such large numbers, must prove of value to our city. Then, purchasers will come from the South, and will examine the stocks displayed by our merchants, and will take advantage of this visit to lay in supplies for their own trade. The news that the great Encampment is being held here will be telegraphed all over the country, published in every city and town and village, and Baltimore's name, her business facilities and her hospitality, will be spoken of all over the land. It is impossible to estimate the value of such a gathering. Then, for our own pleasure and enjoyment, we will see the "Boys who were the Blue" and the "Boys who were the Gray" walking down Baltimore street together, arm-in-arm, and the notes of Dixie will be heard mingled with those of the national air. To all these welcome guests, to all who come, we propose to show the warmest hospitality, and we propose, if possible, to treat them even better than the Fifth Regiment was treated when it made its trip to Boston. [Applause.]

Mr. Horner's motion was adopted. The chairman said he would defer the appointment of the committee until he could confer with some of the members, as very peculiar and special qualifications were required, and a great deal of time would necessarily be demanded of the committee.

A PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

Colonel S. M. Sparklin moved the appointment of a committee of five to request the Governor of the State and the Mayor of the city to issue proclamations requesting the people to observe the 21st of June as a public holiday. The motion was adopted, the chairman of the General Hospitality Committee to be the chairman of this committee.

THE WASHINGTON EXCURSION.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic held at headquarters, with Gen. Ross in the chair and John A. Thompson, Jr., acting as secretary, all the Posts in the city were represented. Comrade M. V. Bailey, from the Committee on Transportation, reported that the delegation from Washington could be transported to and from Baltimore for \$1.45. The committee on excursions to Mount Vernon and Bay Ridge reported progress.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS.

The committee from colored Posts reported that they would provide for the entertainment of all colored Posts and comrades that might attend. The committee on Hotels reported that they had already assigned 1,940 rooms to quarters. Comrade Graham Dukhart, Grand Commander of the Department of Maryland, presented a design for a memorial badge to be worn during the celebration.

PROPOSED LEGAL HOLIDAY.

A letter was received from G. W. Putnam, enclosing a grand Reunion song to be sung during the Encampment. On motion of Col. Samuel M. Sparklin, a committee consisting of Comrades Hayden, Sparklin, and Agnus was appointed to act with a similar committee from the Citizens' Hospitality, in requesting the governor to make June 21st a legal holiday by proclamation. The following explanations were then read, which explain themselves:

THE OLD DOMINION GUARD COMING.

Gen. W. E. W. Ross.

Chairman Executive Committee, G. A. R. DEAR GENERAL: The invitation through you from the Grand Army of the Republic to participate in their celebration of June 21st was duly received at a meeting of the "Old Dominion Guard." They voted to accept, and hope to be with you on the above date.

As the "Old Dominion Guard" was a part of Pickett's Division, which made the charge at Gettysburg on Cemetery Ridge, we would be pleased to meet some of Hancock's Corps, which resisted our attack.

Yours very truly, JAMES H. WALKER.

(Signed) CHARLES A. NOLAN, First Lieut. Comd'g, O. D. G.

VERMONT'S REPRESENTATION.

HQs. DEPT. OF VERMONT, CAMBRIDGE, May 9, 1882.

DEAR SIR: We are making preparations to visit Baltimore on the 21st of June, 1882, providing the rates are satisfactory. Our Post is uniformed the best of any in the State, if not in the United States, our uniforms being worth \$50 each. We propose to take with us a good land and drum corps if the terms are easy, and this it is necessary for us to know at the earliest favorable moment. We shall start from Burlington, Vt. What would be the difference via New Haven, &c., boats or all railroad?

Respectfully, W. H. PARKER, Comdr. Post No. 10, G. A. R., Vt.

PREPARATIONS IN NEW JERSEY.

The following circular was also received, and is of interest, as showing the active preparations being made for the celebration:

HQs. DEPT. NEW JERSEY.

TRENTON, May 8, 1882.

General Orders No. 5. The following comrades having been duly elected by a provisional Post, organized at Newark on the 3d instant to attend the National Encampment at Baltimore in June next, they are hereby appointed to fill the several offices therefor as designated below: Commander, E. W. Davis, Post 11, Newark; S. V. Commander, John Mueller, Post 34, Newark; J. V. Commander, A. M. Matthews, Post 12, Newark; Adjutant, Wm. H. Howard, Post 1, Newark; Quartermaster, E. D. Parkhurst, Post 4, Newark. Aaron Wilkes Post, No. 23, of Trenton, and Wm. B. Hatch Post, No. 37, of Camden, have decided to attend the National Encampment.

E. L. CAMPBELL, Department Commander. A communication was also received from Commander Wilson C. Fox, of Post 58, of Philadelphia, asking for information as to the rates of fare and accommodations.

THE FIREWORKS AND EXCURSION. The municipal committee on the reception of the delegates to the G. A. R. Encampment met in the Mayor's office. Mayor Whyte presided. There was a full attendance, and the various sub-committees reported progress. The fireworks committee reported that \$1,500 would be sufficient for their display, and accordingly that amount was appropriated. The display will be from Federal Hill, and will be entirely aerial, there being no set pieces. The boat committee were given \$1,000, and have engaged the steamers Macon L. Weeks, Pilot Boy, Samuel J. Pentz, and F. C. Latrobe. The committee on entertainment were authorized to make arrangements for the collation.

DURYEA'S ZOUAVES. Henry G. Tuley, secretary of the Fifth New York Veterans, (Duryea's Zouaves,) visited Baltimore to make arrangements to be quartered at the Academy of Music, where they will give exhibitions of the old bayonet drill. There will be fifty men in the picturesque uniform of fez, turban, jacket, and Turkish trousers. The exhibition will be the same as given in competition with Company I, of the Ninth regiment of the National Guard of New York. They will arrive on the 19th of June, to participate in the National Encampment. There are 153 survivors of the old regiment.

WORD FROM THE POSTS. Thomas Johnson, chairman of Tyler Post, No. 5, of Cumberland, Md., writes that his Post will be present with full ranks.

C. F. Gramlich, of W. S. Newhall Post, No. 7, of Philadelphia, accepts the invitation. Their Post will go into camp in tents upon the grounds.

George K. Meeks, chairman of the committee of Anna M. Ross Post, No. 94, of Indianapolis, visited Baltimore yesterday, and arranged with the Committee of Accommodations at Guy's Hotel for 100 men.

The Executive Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic have sent invitations to the Governors of all the States.

Commander Thomas M. Durham, of Cross Post, No. 78, Seneca Falls, New York, writes: "A large delegation will visit Baltimore on the occasion of the Encampment."

Department Commander W. H. H. Flick, of West Virginia, writes that that Department will be represented by a large delegation.

William B. Hatch Post, No. 37, G. A. R., of Camden, N. J., will attend the National Encampment with 300 men, probably acting as an escort to the Department Commander and staff.

A provisional Post of the Department of New Jersey, through E. W. Davis, commander, requests accommodations for one hundred comrades, to arrive on Tuesday, June 20, and for any additional number that may come up to June 23. G. V. Rathmann, commander of Lincoln Post, No. 1, of Martinsburg, W. Va., was in town making arrangements for the accommodation of fifty members of his command.

GENERAL PRYOR WILL BE HERE. The following letter was received:

"74 AND 76 WALL STREET, NEW YORK, May 23, 1882.

"Executive Committee, G. A. R.:

"In answer to your kind invitation, for which you have my candid thanks, I beg to say that it will give me great pleasure to participate in the ceremonies of the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, on the 21st-23d prox.

"Very Respectfully, ROGER A. PRYOR."

ROUND-TRIP TICKETS.

Mr. M. N. Bailey, Chairman of the Transportation Committee, received communications from Messrs. L. M. Cole and Ed. S. Young, general ticket agents of the Baltimore and Ohio and Pennsylvania Railroads, stating that after a conference they had come to the conclusion to extend the time of the round-trip tickets to be issued between Washington and Baltimore to four days instead of two, provided they be used by uniformed members of the Grand Army and Union Veterans Corps. Those issued to the general public are good only for two days.

SPIRIT OF THE LOCAL PRESS.

The local press, without regard to politics, has voiced the real sentiments of the community in its references to the celebration. The editor of the *Evening News*, a staunch Democrat, says, editorially, of the "Coming Event": "Everybody is alive to the importance of the Grand Army reception now. The press have unanimously taken it up, and the business men and people generally are discussing the prospects and enlisting for the service. This is a desirable condition to work Baltimore up to. From this time out we may anticipate with confidence the full success and credit of the Encampment. The visitors will be received as no other city would receive them—with a genuine heartiness, a cordial hospitality that would make the simplest crust sweeter than the grandest banquet offered by sullen or perfidious hand. Baltimore means it, means the full measure of her invitation and assurances. Her people welcome the Grand Army, and if they do not cheerfully and unanimously do so neither the Council nor the Mayor would have responded as they did and increased the municipal appropriation for the entertainment of our guests."

To make that entertainment something worthy of Baltimore's fame and her visitors' deserts, a liberal sum should be subscribed to increase that contributed by the city. If need be, let us postpone or dispense with our Orfide demonstration this year, and let the money that would be spent in a few allegorical tableaux be invested in this imposing event. Let us advertise the grander pageant of June as we would the annual fête of October, and make the men of the Grand Army carry away an impression that will expand over whole neighborhoods and sections, that will last for their natural lives, and that will become a sweet legend to their posterity.

It should be no trouble to raise a fund sufficient for this purpose among our business houses, our corporations, our railroad and hotel managers. And the character of the committee appointed guarantee that all the funds needed will be raised. But to the necessary money is added the better prospect that those who compose the committees will make the visitors feel that they are welcome and among friends. The people have entered heartily into this hospitality. It no longer belongs exclusively to local Posts of the G. A. R. to entertain those who have been invited; it no longer is the peculiar province of the local militia to do the graceful thing by those who come, but the

citizens have been wisely asked to join with the military, and they will give the "Boys in Blue" such a welcome and entertainment as has never been before accorded to any organization.

We want the members of the Grand Army to return to their homes confident that when they would realize that their patriotic services are thoroughly appreciated, and when they desire a hearty manifestation of popular welcome they must come to Baltimore. We want them to know that when they require a committee to make things pleasant for them, Agnus and Hayden and Dukhart are the men to be selected; and we want to see a grand rivalry in the future among American cities as to which shall make this Annual Assembly the pleasantest and most worthy of the men who compose it. For this reason we want Baltimore to do something that will not only eclipse anything of the kind heretofore provided for Grand Army Encampments, but something that will make receptions by other cities hereafter seem tame and spiritless in comparison.

DECORATION DAY IN MASSACHUSETTS.

Special Correspondence National Tribune.

BOSTON, May 24.—In his official order issued recently General George S. Merrill, Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R., announces the approach of Memorial Day as follows:

In accordance with the provisions of rules and regulations, Tuesday, the 30th day of May, will be observed as Memorial Day.

It is hoped that the unprecedented growth of the Grand Army during the past year will be an incentive to prepare for such a universal observance as belongs to this day of sweet memories and tender service.

Seldom do we realize the swiftness of the flying years; that to a whole generation to-day the story of the war against rebellion is but a bit of history. Year by year we are marching with lessened tread to the growing circle of the patriot graves where sleep the silent forms of old comrades in arms.

To the ever-lengthening roll of those already passed from our ranks to join the invisible host beyond, the past year has added the conspicuous names of our beloved comrades, Stephen A. Hurlbut, the first, and Ambrose E. Burnside, third Commander-in-Chief of our organization; and our great Nation has watched through wept weeks of anguish at the bedside and wept beside the tomb of its stricken soldier President.

Upon the bud and blossom, leaf and laurel, we one year ago laid upon the grass-green mounds has fallen the heat of summer and the snow of winter, and their beauty and perfume is gone forever; but as we join in these sad sweet ceremonies the story of valor and patriotism we will keep as fresh in our memories and as fragrant to our hearts as when for the first time we came to bedeck these shrines with the early offerings of an opening spring.

To country these fallen comrades offered the service and sacrifice of their lives; let us reverently give one day in loyal devotion to their resting places, so that in all our broad land, wherever exists a Post of the Grand Army, not a single grave of a Union soldier or sailor shall be unvisited—not one which willing fingers and grateful hearts do not unite to cover with myrtle and evergreen, entwined with bright blossoms upon which the glad sunlight has laid something of eternal beauty, tokens of life's frailty, emblems of valor's immortality.

In another order, referring to the approaching National Encampment at Baltimore, Gen. Merrill says:

The officers of the Encampment and members of the staff are desired, so far as practicable, to appear in uniform, blue coat and blue buttons, blue pants, white or blue vests, and army hats with gold cord. As there is to be a large attendance of uniformed Posts of the Grand Army, a like uniformity in dress on the part of the members of the Encampment will add greatly to the appearance of the organization.

A new national countersign will be promulgated at this Encampment.

Our Baltimore comrades are making generous provision for the entertainment of their guests, and it is to be hoped that every member of the Encampment who can possibly do so will attend, and make this year of unprecedented growth in the Grand Army a memorable year in its representative gathering.

The following appointments are announced:

Aids-de-camp—Comrades Edgar J. Sherman, Lawrence, Mass.; Albert S. Nones, Wilmington, Del.; H. Clay Hall, Little Falls, N. Y.; William H. Scaries, Baltimore, Md.; Charles A. Thiel, New Orleans, La.; Orland Smith, Columbus Ohio; W. B. Shockley, Fort Scott, Kans.; Louis C. Gossow, Trenton, N. J.

Assistant Inspector General, Comrade J. W. Steele, Wichita, Kans., in place of Comrade John G. Wiggins, resigned.

THE ORDER IN MAINE.

To the Editor NATIONAL TRIBUNE:

Of the 73,000 Maine men who served in the army or navy during the war for the preservation of the Union there remain within the State not far from 9,000. The promising fields of the great West offered inducements to the returning veterans, and it is quite noteworthy that when one visits a country place and inquires after this or that old comrade he is almost invariably told, not that he is dead—though, alas! he hears that too often—but, "Oh, he went West right after the war." Probably not less than ten thousand Maine veterans of the war, left the State before 1870. At the Reunion of Maine veterans held at Portland last August a battalion, two hundred strong, came down from Boston alone.

But of the 9,000 who remain, fully one-third are connected with Posts of the Grand Army.

There are fifty-four Posts in the Department, with a membership of about 3,500. The Order took quite a start under the command of Col. L. Bangs in 1880, and in 1881 with Department Commander W. G. Haskell at its head the gain in both Posts and membership was about fifty per cent. Gen. A. B. Farnham, of Bangor, is the present Commander, and under his administration four new Posts have been formed. By comparison with some other Departments these figures attract no particular attention. But the ex-soldiers of Maine are not grouped in towns and cities; they are scattered abroad, most of them being small farmers, and convenient centres for organization are few. Illustrative of this, a fact is noted which is of interest. The writer was at one time Inspector of the Department. He traveled three hundred miles by rail and one hundred and sixty-six by stage and carriage to visit and inspect three Posts! At another visit for inspection, though no notice had been sent, and comrades did not expect it, two comrades had come eleven miles merely to attend an ordinary Post meeting. In another case the Commander of a Post traveled over fifty miles on snow-shoes to be present at his meeting for inspection. In another a comrade came twenty miles to a Post meeting, with the mercury at 20° below zero, and expecting nothing but an ordinary meeting. And that's the kind of clothes-pins the Maine boys are!

We don't altogether like the arrangements made for transportation to Baltimore. We all want to be there, but we can't all afford the expense of railway fare and a uniform besides. In all our Department we have but one Post—Custer, No. 7, of Lewiston—which is fully uniformed. That Post will send about twenty men to the National gathering. But if a G. A. R. badge had been the sign for reduced rates I

am sure Maine would have sent at least two hundred visiting comrades. But I don't mean to criticize the Baltimore comrades or their committee, who are working like heavens—as I know from a late visit to their city—to make things as pleasant and convenient as possible. God bless the Baltimoreans! Your correspondent can well say that, when he remembers how, wounded and sick, he was most tenderly cared for by a resident of that city, who was nevertheless a sympathizer with the rebels! He has crossed the river which we must all cross, but he has a warm place in one man's heart.

The Bangor *Whig* announces that Col. I. S. Bangs will be a candidate for the office of Junior Vice Commander at the Baltimore session. Colonel Bangs was Department Commander of Maine in 1880. His war record is clean, he is a cultured gentleman, and no man has more the interest of the Grand Army at heart than he. He is all that any man can ask, and Maine has had no representation in the three senior offices of the National Encampment since it was organized.

Past Department Commander W. G. Haskell has received the elegant gold badge authorized to be presented him by the Department of Maine. It is a beautiful affair.

Wishing THE TRIBUNE the success it deserves, I am,

Yours, very cordially, OLD MAN.

DECORATION DAY IN RHODE ISLAND.

Special Correspondence National Tribune.

PROVIDENCE, May 24.—The Department Commander Henry F. Jenks has issued the following:

PAWTUCKET, R. I., May 24.—In accordance with General Order No. 15, Headquarters Grand Army of the Republic, and the rules and regulations, Tuesday, the 30th day of May, will be observed in this Department as Memorial Day. The Department Commander earnestly hopes that each Post will take prompt action and do all in their power to make the observance of this, to us, sacred day, one long to be remembered.

In towns and villages where there are no Posts it is suggested that the veteran soldiers and citizens unite, and cause at least one flower to be placed on the grave of every soldier buried in their midst.

The teachers and scholars of our schools are earnestly requested to again assist us in procuring flowers. Places of deposit, therefore, will be published in future orders and the daily papers.

It is suggested that, on this day of sacred memories, devoted to the honoring of departed heroes, general business be suspended, at least during the public ceremonies, and flags hoisted at half-mast.

A NEW POST IN IOWA.

Special Correspondence National Tribune.

OSAGE, IA., May 23.—The Union ex-soldiers here have organized a new Post, to be known as Frank A. Brush Post, G. A. R. We already have forty-nine charter members, and an excellent promise of a rapid increase of membership. THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE is read and appreciated by the "boys."

REUNION IN NEBRASKA.

Special Correspondence National Tribune.

OMAHA, NEB., May 23.—Comrade S. B. Jones, superintendent of transportation of the G. A. R., has issued the following circular:

The Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Nebraska, will hold its fourth annual Reunion, at Grand Island, Neb., during the week commencing Monday, August 28, and ending September 2, 1882.

The Department now numbers eighty-four Posts, and has a membership of 2,500 veterans. Each of these Posts will be represented in the Encampment.

We are provided with all necessary camp equipment for the occasion and ample accommodations, both on the Encampment grounds and in the city, for all old soldiers who desire to be present. The Nebraska soldier boys are enthusiastic and cordial, and will heartily welcome comrades from other States. Every northern State has soldier representatives in Nebraska, and many of the States have organizations among the members of the Department. So many regiments of Union soldiers have members here that a veteran hailing from any part of the Union is almost certain to meet regimental and often company acquaintances at the Reunion.

A most cordial invitation is extended to yourself and fellow comrades to meet with us and kindle anew the Camp-fires, sing the old-time patriotic songs, and eat pork, beans, and hard-tack once again before the long-roll is called at the Grand Reunion on the other shore.

We confidently expect the Commander-in-Chief of the United States Army and other prominent old soldiers to be present, and we anticipate a grand and glorious old-fashioned Army Reunion.

The various railroads leading to this State and in the State will make reduced rates to afford visitors the opportunity to attend.

A G. A. R. "BOOM" AT CARTHAGE, N. Y.

Special Correspondence National Tribune.

CARTHAGE, N. Y., May 18.—A new Post of the G. A. R., called Steele Post, No. 293, was organized and mustered here on the 11th inst., with twenty-one charter members, and it now has applications for as many more. The Post was mustered by Comrade L. W. Fiske, of Booneville, N. Y. Following are the officers: Commander, Major N. D. Ferguson; S. V. C., Captain H. J. Welsh; J. V. C., Captain E. M. Merrill; Adjutant, C. D. Austin; Surgeon, W. H. Cruikshank, M. D.; Q. M., J. H. Walsh; O. D., Wm. O'Hare; O. G., R. Cummings; S. M., D. W. Ash; Q. M. S., F. H. Seckner.

We are the first in Jefferson county, N. Y., and have a large amount of good timber to build from, and expect to number 150 members before the close of the year. Some of the comrades take THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE and are much attached to it. For my part I am greatly pleased with you so much deserve. We are glad that one paper in the whole country stands for the men who stood by the flag in its hour of peril.

DECORATION DAY IN MARYLAND.

Dushane Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Baltimore, will, by assignment of the Department Commander, on the 30th inst., decorate the graves of the Federal soldiers in the Cathedral and Western Cemeteries. The Post will march from their hall to the Western Cemetery.

At 8 p. m. a service in commemoration of their deceased comrades will be held at the hall, when families and friends of deceased comrades will be present. Dushane Post has been notified by the contractors that the headstones ordered by the Government for the graves of Union soldiers in the cemeteries named have been shipped and will be in Baltimore in a few days. The Posts hope to have the stones in position by Decoration Day. There will be no formal ceremonies in connection with decorating the graves at London Park Cemetery.

THE ORDER IN NEBRASKA.

Special Correspondence National Tribune.

FORT OMAHA, NEB., May 20.—Our Department is booming. We have 105 Posts in good standing, and a membership of nearly three thousand. Better, braver, or more orderly citizens are not in the United States.

Veteran Post, No. 84, of Falls City, Neb., which was organized in January last, is rapidly recruiting its membership.

A FLOURISHING OHIO POST.

Special Correspondence National Tribune.

WOOSTER, OHIO, May 22.—Given Post, No